

House Resolution 1221

By: Representatives Barnard of the 166th, Reece of the 11th, and Day of the 163rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Lieutenant Mark Hambert; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Mark Hambert is highly regarded by the citizens of his community
3 and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and
4 dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

5 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Hambert has been recognized with the Peace Officer of the Year for
6 Valor Award from the Georgia State Patrol for his heroic and life-saving actions; and

7 WHEREAS, on October 10, 2008, Lieutenant Hambert demonstrated great courage as he
8 placed his own safety on the line in order to rescue an accident victim and ultimately saved
9 his life; and

10 WHEREAS, while Lieutenant Hambert was en route to his post at Charlie Brown Airport,
11 he encountered an accident involving an overturned and burning vehicle on Interstate 75 with
12 people trapped inside; and

13 WHEREAS, unable to extinguish the flames, Lieutenant Hambert cut the seatbelt of the
14 semiconscious driver and pulled him from the wreckage to safety; and

15 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Hambert's quick thinking and heroic actions allowed the Bartow
16 County Fire and EMS to attend to other passengers in the vehicle and attempt to control the
17 fire; and

18 WHEREAS, due to Lieutenant Hambert's courage and bravery on that October day in 2008,
19 a precious life was spared; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their
21 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Lieutenant Hambert and all
22 local law enforcement officers on behalf of the citizens of this state.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
24 the members of this body commend the care, courage, and selfless dedication exhibited by
25 Lieutenant Mark Hambert in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation and congratulate
26 him on earning the Peace Officer of the Year for Valor Award from the Peace Officers
27 Association of Georgia.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Lieutenant Mark Hambert.